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SUBJECT: DOMINICAN-HAITIAN RELATIONS

REF PORT AU PRINCE 560

1. DURING MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR AND E/C COUNSELOR, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS JIMENEZ DISCUSSED HIS RECENT BRIEF VISIT TO HAITI. HE CHARACTERIZED VISIT AS FRUITFUL AND NOTED THAT THE ANTICIPATED CONTINUATION OF IMPROVED DR/HAITI RELATIONS IS REFLECTED IN GODR APPOINTMENT OF MANUEL GUERRERO POU AS NEW DOMINICAN AMBASSADOR TO HAITI. GUERRERO HAD SERVED AS PRESIDENT BALAGUER'S FIRST AMBASSADOR TO HAITI IN THE 1960'S, AND IS REGARDED AS KNOWLEDGEABLE, EXPERIENCED AND CAPABLE DIPLOMAT.

2. JIMENEZ SAID THAT BOTH COUNTRIES ARE ESTABLISHING COMMISSIONS TO STUDY WAYS OF INCREASING TRADE AND ENGAGING IN ADDITIONAL JOINT PROJECTS SUCH AS THE PEDERNALES DAM. HE INDICATED THAT COMMISSION APPROACH IS BEING UTILIZED INSTEAD OF PURSUING THREE PROJECTED AGREEMENTS IN ORDER TO AVOID WHAT HE UNDERSTOOD TO BE HAITIAN DESIRE TO LINK PROGRESS ON THESE AGREEMENTS WITH A APARTIAL OPENING OF DOMINICAN-HAITIAN BORDER, WHICH DR FEARS WOULD RESULT IN MASS IMMIGRATION.

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3. TO FURTHER IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH HAITI, JIMENEZ SAID THAT HE WOULD BE TALKING TO DOMINICAN STATE-OWNED SUGAR COUNCIL (CEA), TO ENSURE THAT UNFORTUNATE INCIDENTS WITH HAITIAN CANE-CUTTERS SUCH AS HAPPENED LAST YEAR WOULD NOT RECUR. ALSO, HE INTENDED TO TALK TO THE DOMINICAN MILITARY ABOUT AVOIDING BORDER INCIDENTS.  
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